

FISCAL NOTE

HB 1981 - SB 2310

March 18, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Revises divorce regulations to establish waiting periods for divorce proceedings regardless of the grounds for divorce. Requires mediation of divorce cases involving domestic abuse (except those cases involving an order of protection or where there has been a judicial finding of abuse) within 180 days of filing the complaint. Requires parents to attend a parent education seminar.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumption:

- The state and local courts will not incur a significant increase in time needed for divorce proceedings to be finalized based on the proposed revisions. These changes will not have a significant impact on state and local government expenditures. Any increase in expenditures will be absorbed within existing state and local government resources.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director